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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME		Docket Number: 1662/61003	
Application Number 10/646,059	Filing Date August 21, 2003	Examiner Patricia L. Morris	Art Unit 1625
Invention Title A Method for the Purification of Lansoprazole		Inventor(s) Claude SINGER et al.	

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 16, 2004, for the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby request a **four-month extension of time** to respond to the Restriction Requirement of September 16, 2004 which set a one-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on February 16, 2005. Please charge the **\$1,590.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

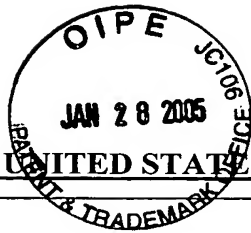
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Office mailed September 16, 2004, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claim of Group III (claim 30) for examination in the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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